

WILDCAT AND SAN PABLO CREEKS GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The study area is located 14 miles northeast of San Francisco, California in the northwest portion of Contra Costa County, on the southeastern side of San Pablo Bay. Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks are adjoining basins lying northeast of Berkeley in the Berkeley Hills-San Pablo Ridge area. An authorized flood control project known as The Wildcat/San Pablo Creeks Phase One project was completed in 1995. Reach 2, located within the City of San Pablo, was not constructed at the time due to concerns about economic justification, and was subsequently placed in the deferred status. Recent flow/frequency projections, and new Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain maps suggest that Reach 2 may now be economically justified for a new flood control project or a watershed study.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 2,100,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 1,100,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 1,000,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY05:	\$ 156,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 944,000

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Finalize Project Management Plan, sign Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement, and initiate Feasibility Phase.

FY 06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: If funds become available, complete without project conditions milestone and begin developing and screening project alternatives.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The Corps has been working cooperatively with the Wildcat - San Pablo Creek Watershed Council to involve all stakeholders early on in framing the project. The Urban Creeks Council, which sits on the Watershed Council, has received an \$800,000 grant and is studying flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration opportunities and plan on implementing small projects along the creeks within the Corps' project area. The initiative is referred to as the WRAPP project. It is important for the Corps to continue to coordinate and work closely with both councils during the project study and decision making progress as well as to sure that study efforts are coordinated and not duplicated. This will be difficult to do without funding.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 7th District, Rep. George Miller

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